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21. ADMINISTRATIVE Called Sam Goldberg, State Department, and told him that the President wanted a Memorandum explaining our briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday, 24 February, on the situation in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. The President wants in the memorandum exactly who was present and what was discussed. I asked Mr. Goldberg whether State had briefed anyone else in Congress on this subject, and if they did, whether the information contained in the briefing matched the information contained in the Gwertzman article in the New York Times this morning. He said he would check, but he did not believe they had briefed anyone on this subject except the Senate Foreign Relations Committee briefing.

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7. [] LIAISON At Mr. Miller's request, called Emerson Brown, INR/State Department, and told him that we had no problem with their proposed draft to Representative Donald Fraser (D., Minn.) concerning the CIA/ROK except for the suggestions that were given to him.

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13. [] BRIEFING Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called and asked if Carl Duckett, DDS&T, could come before the Committee with Ambassador Robert McCloskey, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Executive Assistant in the Office of the Secretary of State, on Tuesday, 24 February at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Moscow Embassy situation. Holt agreed that Mr. Duckett would be expected to speak only to the technical aspects and State would handle everything else. Holt agreed and said they would put out a notice that "State Department and CIA officials" would appear, but he didn't know yet how they would cover the subject in the notice. After checking with Mr. Duckett and the DCI, this meeting was confirmed.

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13. [] LIAISON Called "Chips" Chester, House International Relations Committee staff, concerning the pending matter of Agency input into the briefing of senior members of the Committee on the Moscow Embassy situation. In line with earlier discussions with Chester and Kempton Jenkins, State Department, Helmut Sonnenfeldt, Counselor of State Department, will provide the briefing and cover our one and a half page memorandum delineating our findings which will be identified as the Agency's input. Chester feels this will close out the matter as far as the Agency is concerned.

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6. (Unclassified - THW) LIAISON I spoke with Denis Neill, AID, regarding S.2662 and the various amendments thereto which affect the Agency. He really had no additional information of value and suggested that I call his assistant, Bill Espinosa, for further insight into the status of the matter. I placed a call to Espinosa but was unable to contact him.

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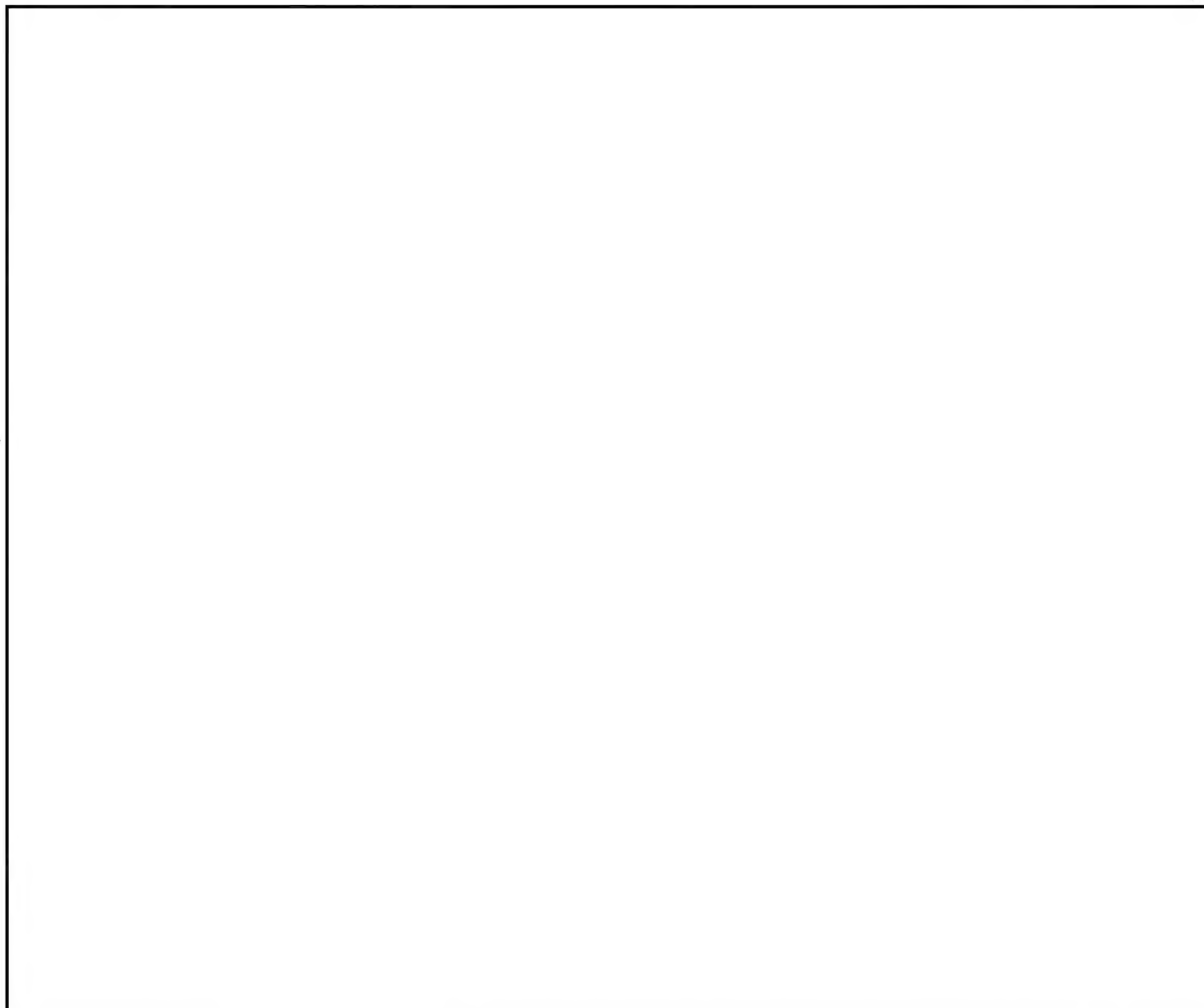
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13. [REDACTED] LIAISON Called Kempton Jenkins, State Department, to determine if the briefing of Richard Perle, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, had taken place on the Moscow Embassy story and he said it had and essentially covered the material in our blind memorandum on the health hazards and the various levels at which negotiations have been conducted.

Regarding the request from the House International Relations Committee, he said he would soon hope to have approval for a briefing of the senior members of the Committee (Representatives Thomas Morgan (D., Pa.), Clement Zablocki (D., Wis.) and William Broomfield (D., Mich.)) and at the same time would provide us their thinking on our providing our page and a half writeup on our findings.

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9. [REDACTED] LIAISON Dorothy Fosdick, on the staff of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, called with reference to her conversations with us about the Moscow Embassy situation. She said their source about the reason for the Soviets use of radiation is just about unquestionable and she wants to know if his information is accurate or not. I asked her what the State Department had to say about it and she said she has not been in touch with them at this point. I said I had raised this story with Carl Duckett, DDS&T, last night and he said we have no evidence to support this thesis. I said I would go back to Duckett however and verify my information even though it was a firm statement last night. I said we cannot prove a negative, however, and it could be a possible reason. I told her some newspeople have speculated on this and she quickly said her source was not a newsperson.

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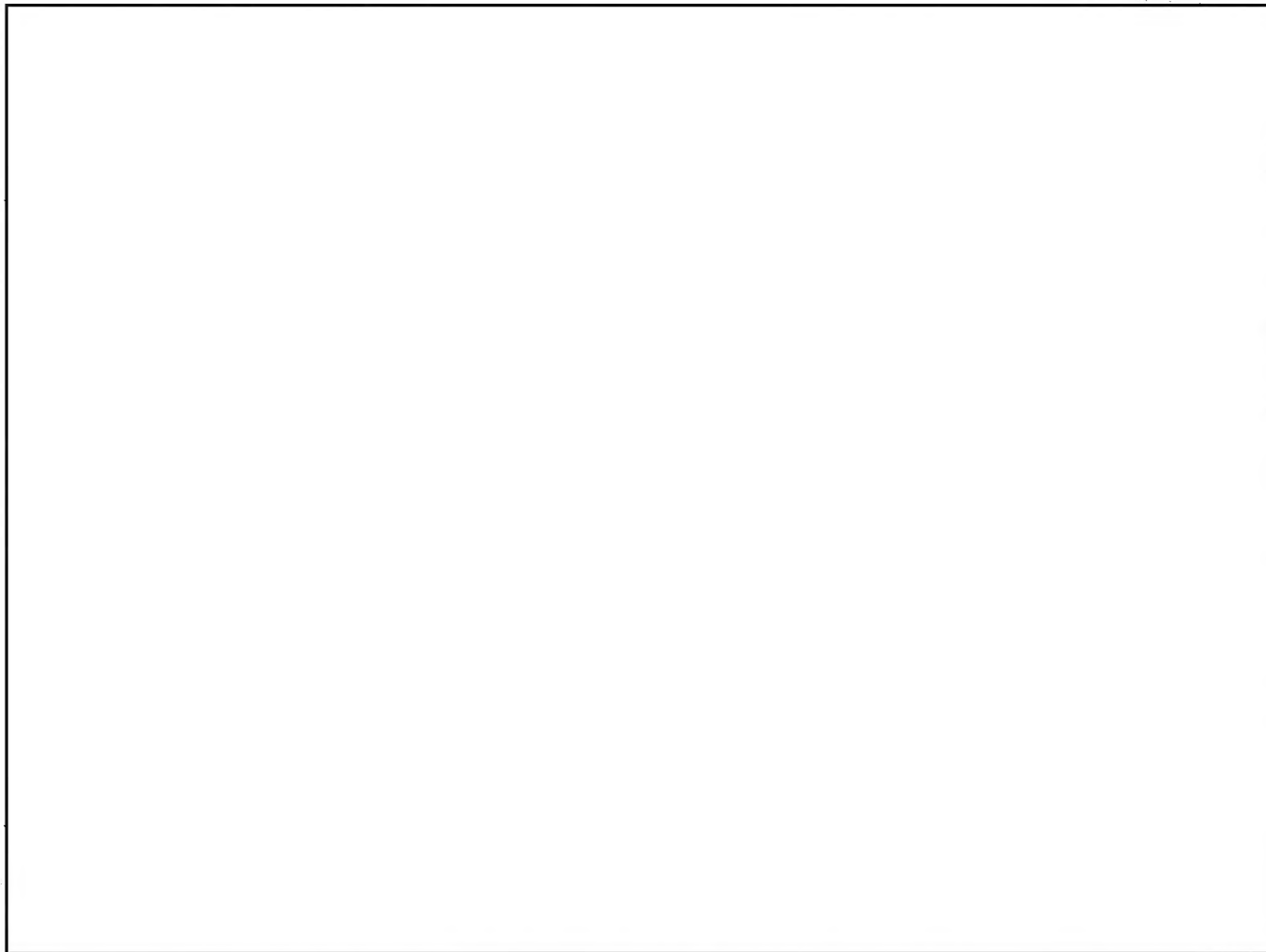
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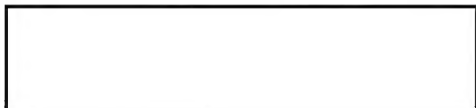
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8. [REDACTED] LIAISON Jack Brady, House International Relations Committee staff, called about the Moscow Embassy situation to ask if there was anything the Committee should know. I said it was my understanding the Secretary of State would cover this subject perhaps in a press conference today, that the Agency had made some assessment which was available to the Department of State and certain of our findings do not support the more sensationalized reporting which is going on.

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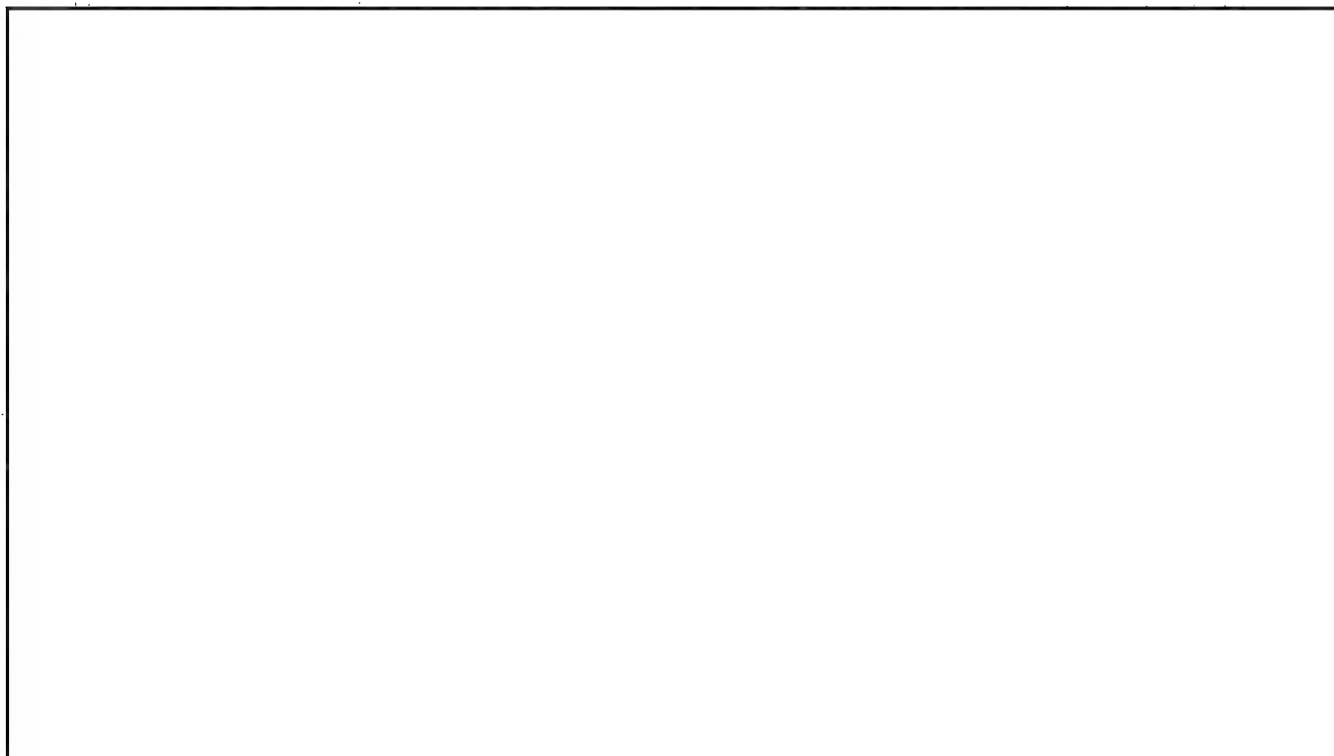
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15. [REDACTED] LIAISON Called Kempton Jenkins, State Department, and learned that Secretary of State Kissinger's scheduled session with the House International Relations Committee this morning had been cancelled and he said he would get back to me on the advice being provided the press spokesman for State for handling questions in the noon press conference on the Moscow Embassy situation.

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3. [REDACTED] LIAISON Called Kempton Jenkins, Congressional Liaison staff, Department of State, to learn what the Department had done with respect to the Moscow Embassy story. He said they were hopeful there would not be posturing on the issue since there is some movement by the Russians and hoped they did not have to comment until Wednesday. I told him the pressure was building on us and we would have to be responsive.

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16. [REDACTED] LIAISON I called Sam Goldberg, State Department, and discussed with him the status of Senate S. 2662 and the Tunney and proposed McGovern amendments on covert action. He was not aware of either of the amendments but suggested that we perhaps should contact members of the Select Committee on Intelligence who are also members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and explain to them the problems inherent in the amendments.

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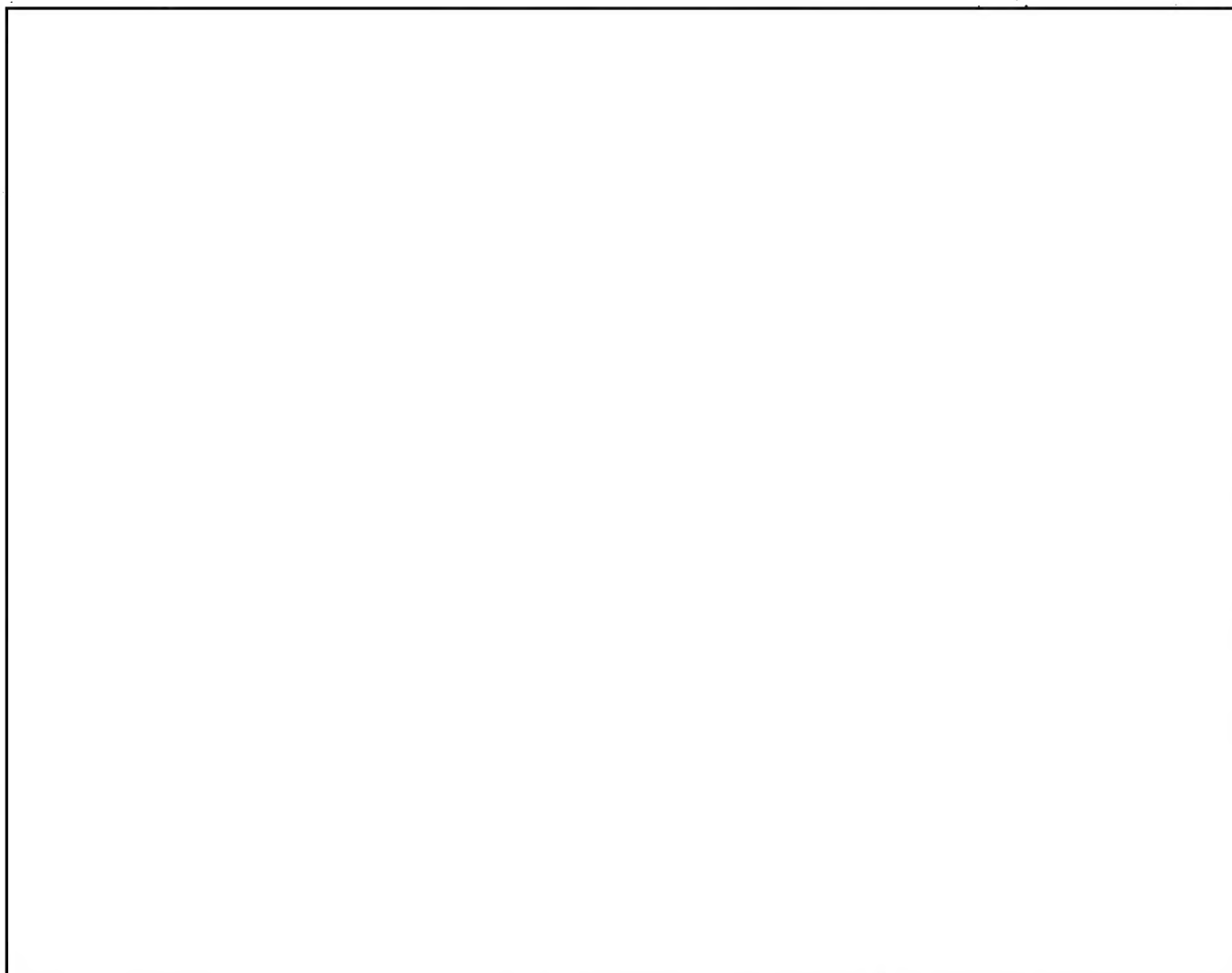
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5. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Received a call from Ted Dobbs, State Department, who has been sitting in on the security assistance legislation mark-up in the House International Relations Committee, and wanted to alert me to the proposed Harrington amendment which would bar covert action. I told Dobbs that we knew of the amendment and that we were working with one of the minority members to oppose it.

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9. [] LIAISON "Chips" Chester, House International Relations Committee staff, called in follow-up of my earlier conversation with Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff of the Committee, and asked if we could coordinate with Kempton Jenkins, State Department, the providing of information to the Committee on the situation at the Moscow Embassy. In discussing this, Chester said there would have to be some input from the Agency and he thought that providing a short paper might satisfy this requirement.

In follow-up, I contacted Jenkins and LDX'd a copy of the page and half paper we had used with our subcommittees.

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4. [] LIAISON Called Kempton Jenkins, Congressional Relations, Department of State, who said that Secretary of State Kissinger had agreed to a briefing of Richard Perle, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, on the Moscow Embassy story.

In connection with the interest of George Berdes, House International Relations Committee staff, which I reported to him, Jenkins agreed that I should refer Berdes to him but not to make any commitment.

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7. [] ADMINISTRATIVE Ambassador Robert McCloskey, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called and said he wanted me to know he had talked with Secretary Kissinger last night regarding Senator Henry Jackson and the Moscow Embassy situation. The Secretary agreed that somebody from State should brief Dorothy Fosdick and Richard Perle, of Jackson's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of Senate Government Operations Committee. McCloskey said he would call Perle. I told McCloskey I had informed Perle initially yesterday that I would talk to Mr. Bush about this and that I was sure Mr. Bush would brief Senator Jackson, but Perle said that Mr. Highland, State, had arranged for State to brief them so the call to the Director was unnecessary.

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